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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

11 **United States of America,**
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Plaintiff,
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v.
14 **Anthony Okeakpu, et al.,**
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Defendants.
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Case No. 2:17-cr-306-JCM-VCF

**Government's Motion for Leave to
Appear Telephonically at September 26, 2019 Status Hearing
(ECF No. 601)**

18 The United States of America, by and through DAVID L. JAFFE, Chief, Or-
19 ganized Crime and Gang Section, United States Department of Justice, and CHAD
20 W. MCHENRY, Trial Attorney, respectfully requests that this Court permit govern-
21 ment counsel to appear telephonically at the status hearing in the above-captioned
22 matter currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 26, 2019.

1 In support of this request, the government proffers as follows:

2 1. On September 18, 2019, this Court entered an Order setting a status
3 conference with regards to Mr. Okeakpu for 10:00 a.m. on September 26, 2019. ECF
4 No. 601. The Order requires both counsel for Mr. Okeakpu to appear in person,
5 presumably to inquire as to the current status of his representation, given that two
6 attorneys from apparently separate practices have now been appointed and/or en-
7 tered a notice of retained appearance on his case. ECF Nos. 560, 596.

8 2. The government is presently represented by three Trial Attorneys from
9 the Organized Crime and Gang Section of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Depart-
10 ment of Justice. Currently, all three government counsel are deep in trial prepara-
11 tion for separate multi-week trials, all of which are in different districts, and all of
12 which are expected to commence in early- to mid-October, 2019.

13 3. Given that attending this status hearing in person would require a
14 three- to four-hour flight each way for any of the government's counsel, and given
15 the current time requirements imposed on them by trial preparation, the govern-
16 ment is respectfully requesting that counsel be permitted to attend telephonically.

17 **DATED** this 19th day of September, 2019.

18 Respectfully submitted,

19 DAVID L. JAFFE
20 Chief, Organized Crime and Gang Section
United States Department of Justice

21 / s / *Chad McHenry*

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CHAD W. MCHENRY
Trial Attorney

ORDER

Having considered the Government's proffer, and good cause appearing:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that counsel for the government shall be permitted to attend the status hearing ordered by ECF No. 601, presently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 26, 2019, telephonically.



Hon. Cam Ferenbach
United States Magistrate Judge
District of Nevada

The call-in telephone number is (888)273-3658, access code: 3912597. The call must be made five minutes prior to the hearing time. The court will join the call and convene the proceedings. The call must be made on a land line. The use of a cell phone or speaker phone during the proceedings is prohibited.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the Organized Crime and Gang Section, United States Department of Justice. A copy of the foregoing **GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR TELEPHONICALLY AT SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 STATUS HEARING (ECF NO. 601)** was served upon counsel of record via Electronic Case Filing (ECF).

DATED this 19th day of September, 2019.

/ s / Chad McHenry

CHAD W. MCHENRY
Trial Attorney